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2015 Kalorama Avenue,

Washington, D.C.

March 8th, 1906.

Dear Mr. Skinner:

I have yours of the 6th, and should have replied to it sooner, but have been having trouble with my eyes and have had to spend most of my time at the oculists and opticians for the last two days.

Yes, the Insurance matter was very satisfactorily adjusted. They have paid \$15,423, instead of the \$15,012.85 they proposed to pay at the beginning, and there is yet quite a sum in dispute not yet decided by the Court. They accepted a receipt for this sum--\$15,423, in order to be relieved of paying interest on it, if the matter were decided against them. So it seems it does pay to fight these great corporations--if a poor widow has a able friend who shows his loyalty to her husband's memory by fighting for her.

If you think best you may put \$2000. in the Wadell Investment Company you name, for the daughter, Aimee L. Tourse. If I understand rightly this pays but 5%. I was in hopes to get 6% this invested at 6%. The investment of all we have, even at 6%, gives us but a small revenue. If there is any way you can invest the remaining \$3000. well secured at 6% I trust you will do so for us. I think we would prefer to have your judgment on the other investments you mention, Mr. Flagler being so familiar with such matters there. I suppose you do not do such business for nothing, but I trust your charges for conducting it for us will be as light as you can conveniently make them.

I have made an investment of \$5000. here, well secured at 6% percent, interest payable semi-annually. My friends wished me to take more here, but I did not think it wise to put all the "eggs in one basket." I shall be in Mayville by the middle of May, as we will dedicate the Judge's monument on Decoration Day, and I have some preparations to make before that time. The daughter is in better health than before since her father's death, and I trust will soon be quite herself again.

Thanking you for all past kindnesses, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. K. S.